

Rationale

Exemption from TEC 21.044 and 21.003 enriches applicant pools in specific content areas and enables more students to obtain the educational benefit of career and technical course offerings.

2. School Start Date

(EB Legal) (TEC 25.0811)

To best serve the students of Galena Park ISD, we propose to be allowed to create a school calendar which serves the needs of our local community. We propose moving the mandatory start date back one week, so that students will begin school no earlier than the third week of August.

Rationale

The number of days in the fall and spring semesters will be more balanced than they are currently. Additionally, Galena Park ISD classes can begin prior to the start of San Jacinto College classes.

3. Teacher Evaluation

(DNA Legal, DNA Local) (TEC 21.352)

To best serve the needs of Galena Park ISD staff, we propose to allow one district committee of administrators and teachers the option to develop alternate appraisals for specific groups of teachers, where the adopted teacher evaluation may not be the most appropriate evaluation. Such groups of teachers could include Life Skills, PASS, SLC, Elementary Specials, and CTE classes, among others.

We will allow a district committee of administrators and teachers the option to develop a local teacher evaluation that can be used in the place of the commissioner's recommended instrument (T-TESS). The newly-developed instrument would not include a student growth measure, nor would it require annual online recertification for appraisers.

Rationale

Districts already have the right to develop alternate appraisals, but each appraisal instrument must be approved by the District Planning and Advisory Committee and each Campus Planning and Advisory Committee. Our District Planning and Advisory Committee already includes representation from each campus.

4. Minimum Minutes of Instruction

(EC LEGAL & EB LEGAL) (TEC 25.081)

6. Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator

(FO LEGAL) (TEC 37.0012)

To best serve the needs of students and staff in Galena Park ISD, we propose the District abstain from designating only one person as the Campus Behavior Coordinator.

Rationale

Galena Park ISD's elementary campuses currently have at least two administrators: one principal and one assistant principal, who by job description, serve in this capacity already. Our secondary schools each have one principal and multiple assistant principals who all work together to ensure compliance with Chapter 37, Subchapter A. Our District believes in a